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I commenced Survey of Section _____

Town _____ North,

Range _____ West.

County Surveyor.

* April 17th, George Knotts present and says the survey should be made on the original survey as his lands and others were entered before the Swamp Survey

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| COURSE. | DISTANCE. | REMARKS. |
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| Elias Edwards Arch Aikman | | |
| I Elias Edwards do hereby certify that I served within notice on all of the within named persons in the month of March 1883 | | |
| Elias Edwards | | |
| Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 16, 1883. | | |
| Francis M. Parker County Surveyor | | |
| Field Notes. | | |
| April 16, 1883. I met the land owners at the South West corner of the North half of the aforesaid section seven (7) in Township 6 North Range 6 West to make survey according to notice John Solomon and Frederick Meeker present and object to survey according to the Swamp Survey.* | | |
| This ground I think well taken if the position of the original survey could be determined. Squibb the Swamp Surveyors field notes are sufficiently | | |

| Corners Established. | Monument. | Bearing Trees. | Diameter in Inches. | Course. | Links Distant. |
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| <p>authentic (Squibb was a government surveyor and field notes certified to the same as the original) to supersede the original survey. Since it was a resurvey by the same authority but the lands sold by the United States are founded by the survey under which they are sold hence cannot be changed by any subsequent survey whatever.</p> <p>The interests in dispute in this case turn on the position of the range line bounding section 7 aforesaid on the west and the corners of section 7 on that line. This range line and the section corners on that line along the west boundary of sec. 7 were resurveyed marked and recorded by Nathaniel D. Squibb the Swamp Surveyor in 1843. On account of the marshy and forbidding character of this part of the country it was settled late and I think there is no traditional knowledge of the lines run as far back as twenty years and that is conflicting and indefinite. Although I have made diligent search I find no survey of this line recorded by any County Surveyor from which I think it may safely be inferred there is none reliable. It is said however that there has been two County Surveyors on the line in dispute several years ago but I did not think their work worthy my respect even if it could be made out by oral testimony and also under no legal obligations to it. C. M. Moss the most reliable of these gave up his survey as unsatisfactory before complete so I was informed. His experience as County Surveyor I suppose to be limited as he has not left much record. Mr. Squibb, of course assumed to be governed by the original survey and to make his work according to it. For a distance of two miles South of the said section 7 and 1 1/2 miles North of it and along its line and on the range line in all 4 1/2 miles there is no reliable evidence of where the original survey was made and all</p> | | | | | |